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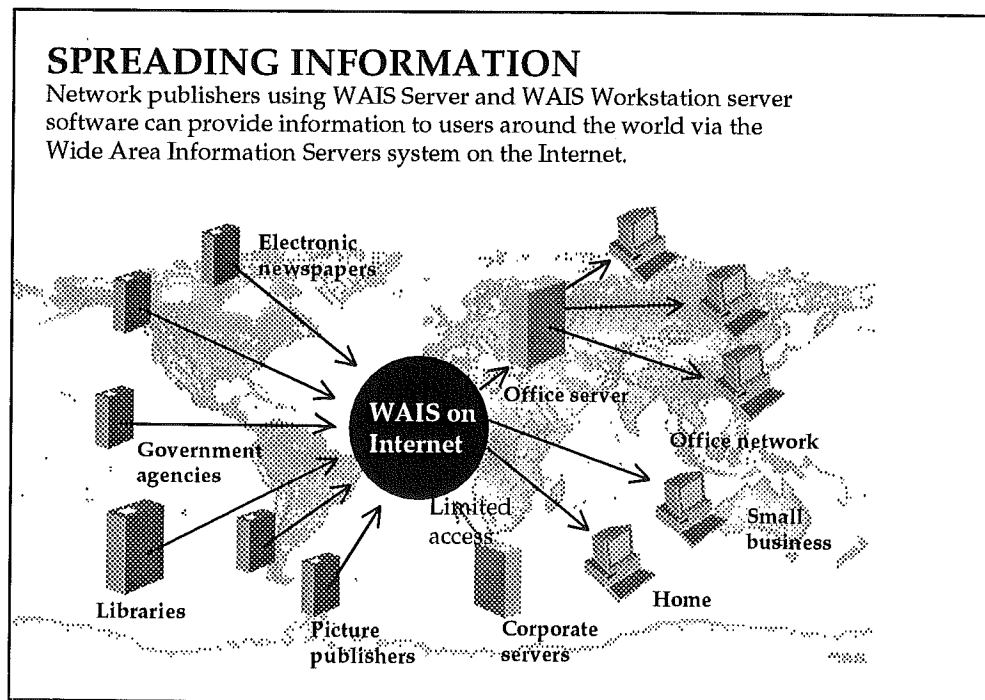
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## WAIS INC. RELEASES NEW NETWORK PUBLISHING SOFTWARE

April 29, 1993, MENLO PARK, California – At a press briefing held today, Wide Area Information Servers Inc. (WAIS Inc.), a new company, announced its line of network publishing server software.

The products, WAIS Server™ for Unix and WAIS Workstation™ for Unix, are designed for commercial-quality network publishing applications. The software sells for \$10,000 to \$50,000.

“WAIS Inc. is helping publishers and companies reach the millions of people who are using today’s wide-area networks,” said Brewster Kahle, president of WAIS Inc. “We are combining a powerful search engine and a professional support organization with the WAIS system. The resulting system is creating a new breed of network publishers that can distribute information more broadly, quickly and inexpensively than previous technologies.”



The WAIS™ system is an open network publishing system, based on international standards, that lets users easily find information anywhere on the network. The system, which has been tested globally on the Internet for two years, is used by people in more than 28 countries to search some 400 information sources around the world.

Mitchell Kapor of the Electronic Frontier Foundation and founder of Lotus Development Corp. said: "Millions of people already use the Internet. WAIS is an important tool helping people navigate through the vast oceans of information of the net, and WAIS Inc. is an important pioneer in building the tools which open new information markets."

WAIS Inc. customers include Perot Systems, the Library of Congress, Environment Protection Agency, Rice University and TRADE. WAIS Inc. is not at liberty to disclose the names of all customers.

WAIS Server is a powerful information server that is designed for client-server operation on wide-area networks and enterprise-wide LANs. Its features help users understand what a database contains and how it should be used. It also supports restricted access and logging for billing purposes. These logging features also provide maintainers with feedback on usage patterns.

The search engine at the core of the WAIS Server allows easy access to documents in their original formats – such as word processors, databases or newsfeeds. It answers natural language questions and uses relevance feedback (or "find me more like that one") features to help untrained users navigate through gigabytes. For more trained users, the WAIS Server answers Boolean queries and fielded searches, while still ranking the best answers highest.

WAIS Workstation offers all of the same features, but its use is limited to databases of 100 megabytes or smaller. This configuration is designed for enterprise information sharing and smaller network publishers.

For more information on WAIS Inc. products, call Nathaniel Lee at (415) 617-0444 or e-mail to [info@wais.com](mailto:info@wais.com).

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